

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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10 NOVEMBER 1962
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1. Cuba--
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2. Cuba-USSR

a. The Cubans apparently still
insist the IL-28s are their property
and they will not give them up.

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b. We have no firm word on Mikoyan's plans, nor on how his talks with Castro are going.

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there was a serious disagreement on the IL-28 and inspection questions. There is some reason to believe that Mikoyan is offering substantially increased economic assistance, but we have no indication yet this is making the Cubans any more cooperative.

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g. Western civil air carriers, including Pan American, Mexicana, Iberian, and KLM, have decided against resuming air service to Cuba for the time being. This leaves only the Czech, Soviet and Cuban airlines serving Cuba at present.

h. Mexico has decided not to sever relations with Cuba, and the Mexican ambassador is now preparing to return to Havana.

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3. Cuba

a. Results from the ten low-level photographic missions flown over Cuba yesterday were not available as of 0800 this morning.

b. The planes scheduled to bring the photography to Washington for processing yesterday afternoon and evening were held up by bad weather. Preliminary analysis of the results of these missions will be available this afternoon.

c. No high-level missions were flown yesterday.

4. India -
Nepal -
Communist
China

a. We have no word of new military moves.

b. The Nepalese exiles in India have stopped, at Nehru's request, their attempts to overthrow King Mahendra.

c. The Nepalese say they have told the Chinese that if forced to make a choice between India and China, Nepal would choose India. For this reason, Nepal will not ask India to withdraw its observers from Tibetan border checkpoints.

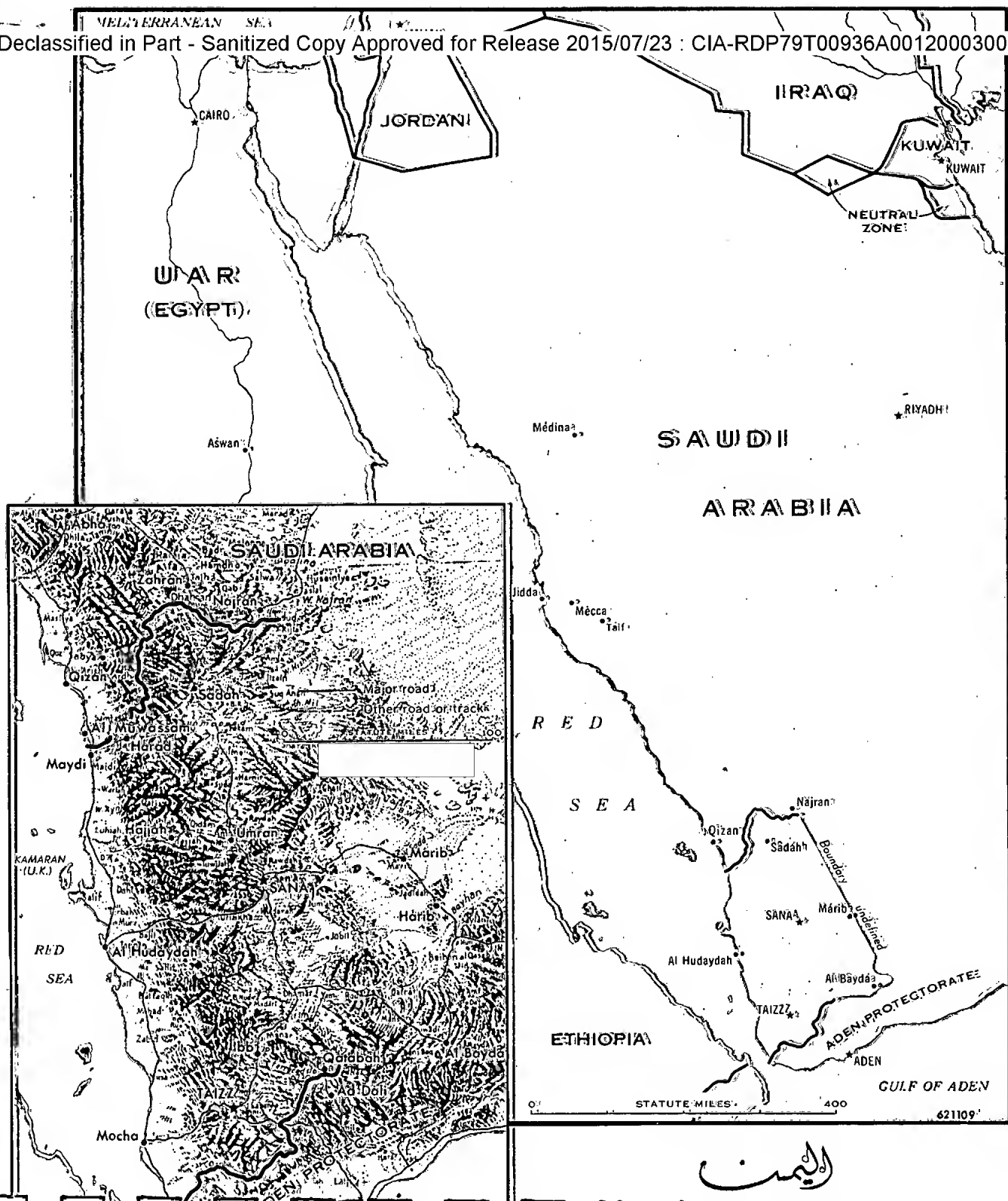
d. Moscow, meanwhile, has let it be known that this winter, when weather forces a halt in operations, the USSR will put forth a new peace proposal.

5. Yemen

a. The royalists are becoming more active but are still in no position to make serious inroads. They will, however, become an increasing threat to republican lines of communication.

b. Badr's tribesmen have forced republican troops out of Harad in the north, but he will probably stay in the hills now rather than move down onto the coastal plain where his forces would have UAR armor to contend with.

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h. Our embassy in Jidda reports the Saudi people are completely apathetic to the recent UAR bombings of Saudi territory. They do not feel directly involved with the government's efforts to restore the Yemen monarchy.

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6. USSR--
nuclear
tests

a. In the Soviet nuclear test series now drawing to a close, we have detected 55 tests.

b. We cannot, from a preliminary analysis of the series, discern any significant advance since 1961 in either weapons technology or delivery techniques.

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7. South Vietnam

a. Two battalion-sized attacks by the Viet Cong in the past ten days --the first since mid-July--suggest we may be entering another period of larger scale offensive actions in South Vietnam.

b. The Viet Cong probably have been using the interim to regroup their forces and train new recruits. At the same time they have kept up smaller scale guerrilla action.

8. USSR

a. The Soviet party central committee plenum has been set for 19 November.

b. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to no one's surprise, Khrushchev "has been approved" as principal speaker.

c. [REDACTED]
he will introduce a major industrial-administrative reorganization. This is quite possible, but it will entail a tacit admission that his various schemes in this field so far have not panned out.

d. We expect him to claim (with good reason) that there are bureaucrats who have still not been able to break away from the old Stalinist ways--a plausible way of striking at those who are dogging his path on issues other than economics.

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e. One head has already rolled:
Chief of the Soviet long-range
planning commission A. F. Zasyadko--
charge so far unspecified.

NOTES

- A. Czechoslovakia True to form, the Czech regime has decided to meet longstanding unhappiness over food shortages by abolishing open market sale of agricultural products from peasants' private plots. This move, intended to lower prices, will almost certainly decrease the supply of food as well.
- B. British Guiana Public disorders are likely to break out in the aftermath of the collapse earlier this week of the independence talks in London. Jagan, and his major opponent are both returning home with the declared intention of stirring things up.
- C. Brazil [redacted] the Soviet Ambassador who was drowned in Brazil last month actually committed suicide. He is said to have been summoned back to Moscow to explain why, having been given a lot of money to help selected candidates win in last month's state and congressional elections, he did not manage better.
- D. Communist China A reflection of the great weight Peiping is giving to trying to solve its economic problems is the new appointment of four politburo members as vice-chairmen of Communist China's economic planning commission. Before, only the chairman was of such high rank. Even though comparatively rational, conservative economic policy will be followed, "leap forward" advocates are among those newly appointed to head the planning commission.

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